



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas**

**City of Lake Jackson
Voluntary Evacuation of Portions of Northern Lake Jackson
August 31, 2017 - 11 a.m.**

Based on the best available information and on observations in the field the City of Lake Jackson is calling for a voluntary evacuation of the following areas in the city:

1. All Timbercreek Subdivisions
2. Heritage Oaks S/D
3. Sugar Plantation S/D
4. The Plantation S/D
5. River Oaks S/D
6. Jackson Oaks S/D

These are all locations within the city west of SH288 north of FM2004.

Also, the city is calling for a voluntary evacuation of the following areas in northeast Lake Jackson. This includes the area behind FM 2004 on the north, N. Yaupon on the west, Old Angleton Road on the east and Southern Oaks on the south.

The areas listed for voluntary evacuation will see street flooding that could prevent ingress and egress with the potential that some low-lying homes could get water in them. This voluntary evacuation is similar to what was issued for Northwood Subdivision earlier this week.

Residents can evacuate to any safe location. The core of our city is out of the flooding area. Residents can stay with friends or family here in the core of Lake Jackson. Residents can also go to any of the shelters listed below:

Angleton ISD
1900 N. Downing
Angleton, TX 77515

Clute Intermediate
421 E. Main St.
Clute, TX 77531

First Baptist Church
101 San Bernard Street
Brazoria, TX 77422

Residents who do not evacuate need to be prepared to shelter in place for several days to a week and face the possibility of water in their homes.

Overnight the Bastrop Bayou rose about a foot at SH288. This put additional water in the streets in Northwood Subdivision located northeast of the intersection of SH288 and FM2004. Citizens in Northwood were notified by phone and LJVFD personnel were available to assist any Northwood resident who wanted to leave. Those choosing to stay were notified that they need to be prepared to shelter in place for a week.

On the northeast side of town, the drainage flood gate at FM2004 near Regal Storage was struggling to keep Bastrop Bayou flood waters from coming in to the city through the Brazos Canal. This caused minor street flooding in the Sugar Cane Trace and Crepe Myrtle area. City crews are working to seal this structure and prevent further backflow into the city.

The bayou is forecast to continue to rise, hence the call for the voluntary evacuation for the area served by the Brazos Canal and the Bastrop Bayou. There is a possibility that this structure could be overtopped if the bayou continues to rise at its current rate.

We urge residents in the affected areas to take this voluntary evacuation call seriously.

More updates to follow.